been banned by Government of India with effect from 1.4.1987

Tourism plan to tap gulf market

1718. SHRI K VASUDEVE PANICKER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a Rs. 1 crore tourism plan to tap the Gulf market; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 69.50 lakhs under Plan and Rs 11. lakhs under Non-Plan has been allocated for undertaking promotional activities in the West Asia region during 1987-88. This amount will be spent on activities such as advertising in the Arab press, corporate advertising with Air India, press advertising in English and Arabic magazines/dailies, TV advertising, video film advertising, printing of literature in the Arabic language, publication of articles in Arabic and English, extending brochure support to tour operators, participation in trade fairs, travel marts and exhibitions & in organising India Evenings and Seminars, etc.

Seniority lists of staff of the carpet weaving training scheme

1719. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two separate seniority lists for the staff working in the Carpet Weaving Training scheme in Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country are maintained by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so whether this in in accordance wih Government rules and regulations; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since the inception of the scheme separate cardres have been in existence for reasons of language, administrative convenience, nature of craft and its know-how, remoteness and climatic conditions of locations and the likelihood of getting willing employees.

(c) Does not arise.

Carpet weaving training scheme

1720. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been laid down for the sale and disposal of trainee products in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme run by the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so, whether this policy has been strictly adhered to during the period from July, 1983 to June, 1986; and

(c) whether any serious irregularities have come to notice in this regard; if so, what action has been taken thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have however, been received for which action has been initiated;

Promotion of Tourism in Kerala

1721. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government in the recent